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E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: "ESCAPE " FROM DETENTION OF ZANU GROUP

1. BELIEVE THE "ESCAPE" OF FIFTEEN ZANU LEADERS FROM MOZAMBIQUE ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS TODAY IS A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE RHODESIA SITUATION. INCLUDED AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ARE HAMADZIRIPU, GUMBO MUDZI, KANGAI AND " GENERAL " CHIMURENGA. IT SEEMS TO ME PROBABLE THAT MACHEL WAS INVOLVED AND APPROVED OF IT. IT IS ALSO NOT IMPOSSIBLE AS THE PRESS SPECULATES, THAT NKOMO HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT. THE EVENT CANNOT HELP BUT HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON THE POSITIONS OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES TOWARD AN ALL PARTIES MEETING.

2. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MACHEL COULD HARDLY HAVE
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BEEN UNAWARE OR UNINVOLVED IN AN "ESCAPE" OF THIS IMPORTANCE, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT HE HAS MADE SURE THEY WILL NOT GO TO RHODESIA TO JOIN SITHOLE AND THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS SPECULATES. NEVERTHELESS, THE SUCCESSFUL DEFECTION FROM MUGABE CANNOT HELP BUT LEAD SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA TO FEEL STRONGER. THIS MIGHT LEAD THEM TO

RESIST AN ALL PARTIES MEETING MORE FIRMLY THAT THEY HAVE
IN THE PAST. HOWEVER, THIS EVENT TOGETHER WITH THEIR
PLANS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH REPEALING ANTIDISCRIMINATORY
LEGISLATION THIS MONTH WILL STRENGTHEN THEIR BARGAINING
POSITION VIS A VIS THE PFBY THE END OF THE MONTH.
I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE
THAT WORD WE RECEIVED FROM GABELLAH THAT SITHOLE
IS NOW PREPARED TO COME TO A MEETING (SEPTTEL)
REFLECTS KNOWLEDGE OF THESE ZANU DEVELOPMENTS WHICH
APPARENTLY OCCURED SOME WEEKS AGO. I WOULD THEREFORE
INTERPRET SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA'S STRONGER
POSITION AS MAKING A MEETING MORE, RAHTER THAN
LESS, LIKELY.

3. MUGABE OF COURSE, IS SRRIOUSLY WEAKENED
IN THIS. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT
HAMADZIRIPI AND HIS COLLEAGUES REPRESENT THE
IMPORTANT KARANGA TRIBE THOUGH THEY
CANNOT CLAIM TO SPEAK FOR ALL SINCE TONGOGARA
REMAINS WITH MUGABE. IT IS EVIDENT THAT AN
ALLIANCE BETWEEN NKOMO AND THE HAMADZIRIPI GROUP IS A THREAT
WHICH MUGABE CANNOT IGNORE. IF ONE ADDS TO THAT
THE ZANU-SITHOLE GROUP, A SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENT.
MUGABE MAY, THEREFORE, BE MORE CAUTIOUS AND NOT WANT
TO BE LEFT OUT OF A DEVELOPING MEETING.
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